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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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<b>2001 Assembly Bill 114</b>	<b>Assembly Amendment 1</b>
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### Current Law

Under current law, the owner of forest land may petition the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to enroll the land in the Managed Forest Land program. The owner of land enrolled in the program receives tax benefits in return for complying with program requirements.

The governing body of the municipality in which the land is located and any resident or taxpayer of that municipality may request that the DNR deny the petition on the grounds that the land is not, or would not be eligible for enrollment.

Forest land in a city is not eligible for enrollment in the Managed Forest Land program.

### Assembly Bill 114

Assembly Bill 114 allows forest land in a city to be enrolled in the Managed Forest Land program.

In addition, Assembly Bill 114 provides that the governing body of a city in which land proposed for enrollment in the program is located may, in effect, veto the enrollment of the land. The governing body may, by a majority vote of all of its members taken within 30 days of notice of the petition, request that the DNR reject the petition on the grounds that the use of the land as managed forest land is not compatible with existing or planned uses of the land as determined by the city. The bill requires the DNR to reject a petition when requested by a city by this mechanism. This provision is in addition to the existing authority of a municipality to make a nonbinding request that the DNR reject a petition.

**Assembly Amendment 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 deletes the provision that allows the governing body of a city in which land proposed for enrollment in the program is located to veto the enrollment of the land.

On April 19, 2001, the Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 8, Noes, 0.

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